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BRITAIN'S BUDGET Pleasant Surprises Expected Based On Grant Of U.S. Loan

LONDON, APRIL 7.
BRITAIN'S BUDGET HAS BEEN WRITTEN ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SHE WILL BE GRANTED THE \$3,750,000,000 UNITED STATES LOAN. A GOVERNMENT SOURCE SAID "WE HAVE WORKED ON THE ASSUMPTION IT WILL GO THROUGH. IF IT DOES NOT WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE A NEW BUDGET."

When the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, presents the estimates of government earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1946, to the House of Commons next Tuesday there will be some pleasant surprises for a nation struggling to recover from six years of war. Indebted by the middle of 1947 as regarded a definite possibility because the device to increase exports has been more successful than some of its strongest proponents hoped.

If the U.S. Congress refuses to ratify the loan, Britain will have to reduce her imports with resultant shortages and dislocations and borrow Sterling from her banks.

Bright Spot
A bright spot is the possibility that balance of trade accounts by the middle of next year and making current earnings of other Sterling countries freely convertible into dollars, the latter a condition of the proposed full confidence in the pound. The official view is that with full confidence in Sterling restored, overseas creditors will not want to convert their accounts to dollars as they would like to do now.

Aircraft's Most Deadly Weapon

Delaware, April 7.
The War Department has removed the veil of secrecy from around "Tiny Tim," the powerful rocket which an Army spokesman said is "By far the deadliest thing ever fired from an aeroplane."

Colonel Donald Diehl, commanding officer of the army air base unit at Dover army air field, said that the rocket "can sink almost anything that floats. It has driven holes all the way through a light cruiser from side to side. It goes through a destroyer as if it were a piece of paper."

The new weapon, which can be fired from any type of American fighter plane or medium bomber, is described as a "huge rocket of 11 1/2 inches in diameter, and 12 feet long. Several Tiny Tims were used against Japanese shipping in the Pacific before the end of the war and it was found that few targets could withstand a direct hit from the rocket, which travelled at a speed of over 1,500 miles an hour."

Diehl emphasized that the California Institute of Technology provided much help in developing Tiny Tim. Diehl also said: "It is probable that in the future, Tiny Tim may be devised to carry atomic power. The Colonel said that a bomb can penetrate only so far where as Tiny Tim rocket will rip through any object at which it is fired."—Associated Press.

TRIESTE COMMISSION
Rome, April 7.
The International Boundary Commission which has now completed its work in Venezia Giulia announced today that its members were leaving immediately for London where they will prepare their final report for presentation to the Allied foreign ministers of the Allied powers.—Reuter.

Skeleton

A skeleton, believed to be that of a British soldier who fell during the Japanese attack on Hong Kong in 1941, was found in Camphor Wood, Laichikok, late yesterday afternoon by Mr. G. J. White, of the Gloucester Hotel.

The R.A.F. Police party that went out was unable to find the skeleton before darkness fell, and will go out again this morning.

With the skeleton, Mr. White reported, was a soldier's belt and an Army-pattern water bottle.

Second Paris Kidnapping

Paris, April 7.
Paris police were tonight investigating the daylight kidnapping — the second in a month — of an unidentified man, aged about 21.

The man was surrounded yesterday in the Rue Jan Jaures in the northern suburb of Romainville, by two men in khaki and three women, who stopped out of a black car.

A revolver shot was heard and the man was bundled into the car, which drove off at a very fast pace.

A month ago, a Russian, Theodore Kolosov, born in Moscow in 1922, was reported to have been bundled into a car by three men in the Rue Erlanger, Kolosov, who had escaped from a camp for Soviet citizens due for repatriation, has not been heard of since.—Reuter.

Delegates Clash

Mexico City, Apr. 7.
Police with gas pistols were called in to prevent a free fight between delegates to the Third Regional American States Conference of the International Labour Organisation now meeting here who clashed on the question of the admission of Argentine unions to the conference.

George Mooney of the American Federation of Labour called for aid to the Argentine underground labour movement and bitterly denounced Argentine labour delegates.

It was decided that the Argentine should be excluded from the group and committee meetings but allowed to voice themselves at plenary sessions.

All the Argentine representatives have been most violently attacked by spokesmen of the Latin American Federation of Labour.—Reuter.

British Intelligence Uncovers Nazi Swindle

With B.A.O.R., April 7.
Special Investigation Officers in the British zone in Germany have discovered evidence of two colossal financial swindles carried out by Germany in Occupied Europe during the war.

Inquiry into the affairs of Otto Wolff, one of the biggest steel making concerns in Germany, disclosed that before the war, Germany paid for gold abroad in blocked marks, which, after the fall of France, were brought back from the French by the firm, very cheaply.

French firms were unable to realize their blocked credits and were induced to part with 180,000,000 marks in exchange for occupation francs worth \$3,000,000 marks.

As occupation francs cost Germany only the paper they were printed on, the deal amounted, therefore, to the wiping out of credits without cost.

The second swindle was even more blatant.

Seeking foreign exchange to buy war materials in neutral countries, the Nazis gave Wolff the job of securing quantities of currency of occupied countries, paying for it with occupation currency which cost the Germans nothing.

The currency thus obtained

Senator's Attack On Britain

Washington, April 7.

Senator Myers, Pennsylvania Democrat, asserts that Britain violated the treaty with the United States by granting independence to Trans-Jordan, formerly part of the Palestine mandate.

The British action violates the United Nations charter, he said and called upon the State Department to explain the lack of a protest; he suggested that the senate investigate.

Myers said that Britain "has no right to change the terms of the League of Nations mandate under which Palestine and the Trans-Jordan territory was administered." Under the Anglo-American agreement of 1922, Britain was required to obtain American permission before taking any such action, Myers contended.

He said that taxes on the Jews in Palestine have been used to support the administration of Emir Abdullah, with whom the British signed the treaty which permitted English troops to remain in Trans-Jordan.—Associated Press.

Spain Will Be U.N.O.s Next Headache

New York, April 7.

The Spanish issue, raised unexpectedly by Poland yesterday, seemed likely to be the next problem to plague the United Nations Security Council just when the Council hoped for a quiet period to put its rules in order.

The Polish Embassy in London announced that the Warsaw Government had instructed the Polish delegate to the Security Council, Lange, to lay before the Council the Polish view that the United Nations should break off diplomatic relations with the Franco Government.

The Embassy announcement said: "The decision of the Polish government was taken in view of the fact that the present regime in Spain is endangering international peace and that peace is indivisible."

Poland itself has already decided to recognise the Spanish Republican Government of Dr. Jose Giral, who is now in Paris.

Poland's case may have the backing of France, for the French Cabinet has already suggested in notes to the United States and Britain that the Franco Regime should come before the U.N.O. and has indicated the strength of its views by closing the Franco-Spanish frontier as from February 28.

The Polish statement, made in Warsaw, said Poland was entitled to raise the question with the U.N.O. not only because she was a member of the organization but also "remembering that some 1,000 Poles were killed in the defence of democratic and republican Spain."—Associated Press and Reuter.

MURDERED BRITISH PRISONERS

Milan, Apr. 7.
An Allied Military Court here sentenced to 15 years penal servitude Max Brandt, one of three German officers who face a charge of murdering three British prisoners of war near Bresenone in the South Tyrol in October, 1944.

The two other Germans were found not guilty.—Reuter.

RAIL AGREEMENT

London, Apr. 7.
The British Railways Conference which ended today in Paris reached agreement on through traffic across the British-French and American zones of Germany between adjoining countries.

The agreement, which was signed by the British and French delegates, could not be extended to the Soviet zone of Germany.—Reuter.

Blueprint For Peace

Portland, Ore., Apr. 7.
Delegates representing 38,000 north-western American college students today voted unanimously for a world federation having authority over the existing sovereign nations. They also set up a committee that may be the nucleus of an international college movement for their "blueprint for peace."

Youths, including many war veterans, urged the United Nations to consider desisting armaments and military training with a view to the eventual abolition of both. A delegate said that U.N.O. should set up a definite time-table toward creating a sovereign world federation.—Associated Press.

Bartender Shot

London, April 7.

The London Police today held a bedside vigil in St. George's Hotel on Owen Road, 20-year-old bartender of Elbery Lodge Hotel, Victoria, who was seriously wounded in a shooting incident in the hotel last night.

Two Poles living at the hotel were also wounded. The shooting occurred in the basement of the hotel.

A fourth person, believed to be involved, has disappeared. London's detectives today are searching for a 30-year-old, six-foot tall Pole, who may be able to give information. The condition of the three wounded men is serious.—Reuter.

POLITICAL TRUCE ENDS IN IRAN

Teheran, April 7.
Publication in Teheran of the Soviet-Iranian Pact, which appears to have put an end to the U.N.O.'s first big crisis has ended the political party truce which has prevailed for nearly a month.

Right-wing circles, alleging that "Russia got what she wanted" criticise the agreement along three main lines:

1. Without asserting that there had been direct pressure from Russia, Right-wingers say that the 1,000-mile frontier between the two countries and the presence of Russian troops in the country constituted a form of indirect pressure without which the agreement would never have been signed.

2. They point to the Iranian law forbidding even discussion of oil concessions during the period of occupation and maintain that the agreement would never have been reached if oil concessions had not been discussed.

3. They criticise the fact that Azerbaijan, which is an Iranian internal affair, has been brought into the agreement at all.

Right-wing circles say that however democratic the elections which will follow the departure of the Russian troops, they are sure to return solid Left-wing blocs from the North. They claim that the arrest of Mohesein Tehrani, brother of Said Zia Od-Din, has been made on charges of subversive activities and his brother was charged yesterday with complicity.

Attack on Britain
A British Embassy spokesman in Teheran stated today that no official notification of the Iranian Soviet agreement has yet been received.

The British Embassy in Teheran is pictured as a sinister centre of secret intrigue in the Left-wing newspapers here. The papers say that a network of underground passages led from the British Embassy in Teheran to various places and through them local traitors contacted British officials and got their instructions. "How mysterious and unchanging are the silent premises of the British Embassy," a paper states. "It is as if a thousand watchful eyes behind windows were fixing a jealous gaze on everything to safeguard the sacred interests of the Commonwealth."

Britain has still not received any official report of the Soviet-Iranian Pact, Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent confirmed in London.

Until it arrives, he says, no opinion on it is likely to be expressed in British official quarters and no decision is likely to be taken on whether Britain should continue to press for an answer to the note to Moscow of March 2 for an explanation of the Russian failure to withdraw her troops from Persia under the terms of the tripartite treaty of 1942.—Reuter.

Heart Stops, Starts - - - Stops

London, April 7.

A healthy 32-year-old woman, whose heart ceased beating for nearly eleven minutes was brought back to life by massage and lived for 26 days, says "Lancet," the medical journal.

After revival, the woman assumed the characteristics of an old person.

The woman, an N.A.O. in the Forces, underwent a simple operation for appendicitis when her heart stopped beating and after eleven minutes' massage, a regular pulse was felt and this soon increased to a vigorous pounding at the rate of 90 per minute.

Later the condition of the heart was stabilised and it remained but the woman's face lost all its expression and became mask-like. She remained like this until her death.

After bringing the woman back to life, the doctor said: "I don't think there is the smallest chance of recovery and if she survives she must do so in a state similar to the one she is in now."—Reuter.

Franco On The Destiny Of Spain

Madrid, Apr. 7.

General Franco stated that the task in Spain had only just begun when today he received 80 albums containing 700,000 signatures of former combatants in the Spanish war presented as a token of their adhesion.

Francisco said his regime, if it failed to remove the causes which had created a state of anarchy in Spain's ruling classes, could be described as cowardly and lazy.

"The meaning of the attacks on our regime from Communist and Masonic press and radio is that we have made good," he declared. "It means that we are not dead and our flag is flying high. We need to complete our work and change the face of Spain completely. We must smother the materialist philosophy which was imported from foreign lands."

"The soldiers of our crusade must remain vigilant and we must watch in order to make sure that the historic destiny of Spain is not interfered with."—Reuter.

British Eye On Youth Groups In Germany

H.Q. B.A.O.R., April 7.

Officers of the British Military Government are keeping a close watch on German youth movements which are springing up in various parts of the British zones of Germany.

Remembering the birth and development of the Hitler Jugend (youth organisation), whose widespread revivalist plot was smashed in the American zone last week, the British authorities are wondering what is behind the spate of youth clubs in their zone.

Yellow and black posters have appeared on the walls in Ruhr towns, Westphalia and the British zone of Berlin, urging youths to join the "Freier Deutsche Jugendbewegung" (Free German Youth Movement), which has the four-point slogan: "Unity, Work, Construction and Peace."

The movement has been sanctioned by the Military Government with the provision that it is non-political.

In the Herzford district alone, 40 clubs, excluding sports organisations, with memberships of between 20 and 200, have already been established. Military Government officers are concerned over the fact that although the movement is not

LONDON'S STATUES GOING BACK

London, April 7.

London's evacuated statues are now returning to their former sites. King Charles is back again from the Earl of Roscherry's estate at Repton, Leighton Buzzard, and is being repaired before going back to Trafalgar Square.

King George III is being cleaned before being returned to his old home at the corner of Pall Mall East and Cockspur Street.

Soon Lord Wolsey will return to his old site in Horse Guards Parade, and King William III will stand in St. James' Square.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Fine, fresh, breezy wind.

Yesterday's temperature: Maximum—72.2 deg. at 1 p.m. Minimum—54.8 deg. at 8 a.m. Sunshine—4 hours.

Rain—A trace.

Max. Humidity—98 per cent. at 8 a.m.

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Housing Queries

In no sense can the Government's statement on the housing shortage be regarded as satisfactory or encouraging. What is wanted is not an apology based upon the known facts and difficulties, but more precise details regarding the steps that are being taken to solve the problem. The vague generalisation that "the Administration and commercial interests are doing all they can to obtain the necessary supplies of building materials and to effect such repairs as are possible from local resources" conveys nothing which suggests that the Administration is inspired by a fitting sense of urgency in tackling its No. 1 priority task. And if, by any chance, we are doing Government an injustice by adopting the attitude of the sceptic, the reply must be that it is Government, without our assistance, which is placing itself in a false position. Those in this Colony who are vitally concerned have a right to be taken more fully into official confidence if there is substantial basis for the conclusion that "the housing situation is likely to remain grave for some time." So far, there has been nothing to demonstrate that Government has seriously engaged itself even in doing the work that is nearest Nothing to show acceptance of the necessity for modifying the policy of "leaving it to private enterprise." Nothing by way of action that might give stimulus to private enterprise. Government may have an appropriate answer to all of these points, but it is being ultra-naïve if it assumes that the public is content to take that for granted. Equally disconcerting is the official attitude on the return of what it terms non-essential personnel. "Delay as long as practicable" covers a multitude of unpleasant possibilities, and the restrictive here and overseas may be forgiven if they tend to become more refractory. There are many ways of dealing with this issue. Red tape and bureaucracy can do little, and add to the sum of human discontent, and in some cases, distress. Or commonsense, plus realization that the majority of the people concerned have earned some consideration for their personal wishes, by prolonged experience of internment or enforced separation, may be permitted to prevail. If they are prepared to take the risk implied in the Government statement, and will wish to return, is Government prepared to endorse their applications in London or Sydney? It can, indeed, be argued as highly advisable that bona fide Hong Kong residents should be back in the Colony well in advance of the completion of any large-scale housing programme. Without extremely careful management, the discomfiting situation could arise whereby residential property derequisitioned by the military and houses repaired became ready for letting, and still be not available to the people for whom they might reasonably be considered to be primarily intended. In failing to be on the spot these people would miss the only chance they might have had. Husbands or friends in the Colony may forestall, to some extent, this danger, but what of the husbands who, having rejoined their wives and families after five years' separation, are now disinclined to return to Hong Kong without them? Likewise calling for an answer is the official attitude to men who have already been able to make provision to accommodate their wives and families. Is the administration prepared to authorize and facilitate early return? The question is less whether "residents of the Colony find it necessary to arrange the return of their families" than whether Government is willing to do its part to make this possible.

China Needs Political Interpreter Today

Pan-American And Hong Kong Air Service

San Francisco, April 7. Harold Bixby, vice-president of Pan-American Airways, said today that no date has been set for the reopening of the service to Hong Kong via Honolulu, Wake, Guam and Manila.

With the resumption of this service, Pan-American will extend a new line, to Singapore. The company also has plans pending for a new Northern route to the Orient — via Seattle, Adak, Tokyo, Shanghai and Manila, but so far permission has not been received from the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board. Pan-American World Airways announced today in Seattle that it had staffed all its stations along the Great Circle flight route to the Orient and soon as surveys are completed "U.N.R.R.A. passengers will be carried directly from Seattle on special chartered flights." Associated Press.

TWO HURT IN STREET FIGHT

Two Chinese were critically injured in a fight involving some six or seven persons about 7 o'clock last night in Des Voeux Road Central, near the New World Theatre.

Admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital were Cheng Kwok-on, 18, who received a wound from a chopper, and Chan Hung, 14, stabbed in the chest with a dagger.

Another Chinese, Tam Chiu-lam, was the victim of a chopper attack after being called down stairs by two men at 14 Chur Shing Street, West Point. Tam ran toward Hollywood Road near the Whitty Street Tram Station. A police constable, seeing him bleeding profusely, stopped him, whereupon he collapsed. He was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The Police are investigating the two incidents, which may be connected.

CHARITY FOOTBALL RESULTS

A letter has been received from the Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Football League regarding the Charity Football games played at the end of last month.

The letter reads as follows:—"In connection with the two Charity Football matches played on March 30 and 31, 1946 the gross receipts came to \$15,585.00 make up as follows: Gate receipts \$11,502.78; Donations from Government \$278.00; Retail Firewood Dealers for Hong Kong and Kowloon less \$110 for souvenirs for players \$1,000.00; Additional donation by above NCS\$50,000 at 25¢ \$125.00.

The above sum of \$15,585.00 has been distributed as to \$9,342.50 to the Commander-in-Chief's funds for Distress in the Colony and as to \$9,342.50 to the Relief of Famines and Distress in China (to be remitted through the 'Wah Kiu Yat Po').

"The expenses for the two matches such as refreshment for teams etc., amounting to \$267.60 has been borne by the League."

"The thanks are due to the 'South China Morning Post' for advertisement, and the Standard Printing Press, Ltd., for printing admission and raffish tickets, free of charge; the 'Chinese Press' for free advertisement; the Chau Ki Co., of 210, Lockhart Road for supplying tables and chairs at half price; the Scouts and to other workers for voluntary assistance."

SING TAO CLUB MEETING

With the return of most of its members from Free China and elsewhere, Sing Tao Sports Club are holding a general meeting on Wednesday to discuss the future activities of the Club. It will be recalled that Sing Tao figured prominently in football, basketball and swimming circles before the war.

Owing to the absence of many of its players, Sing Tao did not participate in the football League and several of its players including, Hau Yung-sang, Fung King-cheong, Lai Shui-wing and Chui Shui-ming, assisted Eastern in the League. Sing Tao are entering two teams in the football League next season.

CHUNGKING, APRIL 7. CHINA'S GREATEST NEED TODAY IS AN ABLE POLITICAL INTERPRETER TO DECIDE THE ACTUAL MEANING OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY INTERNAL FACTIONS TO END THE CIVIL WAR AND TO CREATE A UNIFIED CHINA.

DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, WHEN PACTS TO END THE CIVIL HOSTILITIES, RESTORE COMMUNICATIONS, REORGANIZE THE GOVERNMENT AND DEMOBILIZE THE ARMY, WERE SIGNED, THEIR INTENTS AND MEANINGS APPEARED TO BE CLEAR TO EVERYONE.

EXPLOSION NEAR GLASGOW

Glasgow, Apr. 7. Widespread devastation was caused over 60 square miles just north of Glasgow by a series of explosions at an ammunition dump on a desolate moor at Hill of Row, between Down and the Bridge of Allan, Western Perthshire, last night. Casualties so far reported are one man killed, and his son badly injured. Home Office experts arrived on the scene today to investigate the cause of the explosions, which are unexplained.—Reuter.

COMMUNISTS ENTER HARBIN

Peiping, April 7. Pro-Government Chinese press dispatches from Harbin yesterday reported that Chinese Communist troops have entered the edge of that Manchurian City. There was no official confirmation of the report. It is estimated that 3,000 Russian troops remain in Changchun.

From Chungking it was reported that the departure for Manchuria of the Sino-American committee to settle Government-Communist disputes was delayed.

Pro-Government reports said yesterday that China's new 1st army, after breaking the Chinese Communist lines in a two-day battle, has driven within 70 miles of Changchun. The reports said the American-equipped Chinese Government army of 40,000 men had reached the outskirts of Sze-pingkuai, key railway city, which the Communists seized last month after overwhelming the small Government garrison there.

No indication of resistance is expected at Sze-pingkuai which the first army must hurdle quickly if it expects to reach Changchun before the scheduled departure of the Russians on April 14.—Associated Press.

MALTA TRIALS

Valletta, Malta, Apr. 7. Thirty Italians were among an undisclosed number of witnesses brought to Malta to give testimony in the forthcoming trial of alleged "fascist" "renegades" charged with committing treasonable acts against Britain. It was learned yesterday. The port of embarkation was not disclosed.—Associated Press.

Readers' Letters

"Be Patient"
 Sir,—While one has nothing but sympathy for those still separated from their wives and families it is surely unreasonable for them to start any agitation for return of their loved ones under present conditions. I have no figures in my possession but the total of wives and children now clamouring to return to Hong Kong must run into the thousands. Where are these people to live? It is difficult enough for us here now to obtain accommodation, owing to unavoidable occupation of civilian residential buildings. Any mass return of families would only result in chaos, with families living in conditions similar to that of those at Stanley internment camp during the occupation.

There is also the problem of feeding. If Government refuses permission to repatriates passing through the colony from Shanghai to land even for a few days, how can the food shortage, now most acute, be alleviated? It is to encourage the entry into Hong Kong of several thousand people on the grounds of food supply alone.

"Picasso Again"
 Sir,—The term "Picasso" is a name taken by Pablo Ruiz, Spanish painter, who became known for his cubist works. The term belongs to the Spanish language.
 A CATHOLIC PRIEST.
 TIDAL WAVE DEATHS
 Honolulu, Apr. 7. The number of known deaths caused by the tidal wave which hit the Hawaiian Islands early this week rose to 108, with the recovery of 50 more bodies. There are 450 still unaccounted for.—Associated Press.

"MOMENTOUS"

Tokyo, Apr. 7. The Japanese Government today demanded the immediate resignation of 15 Japanese princes from the House of Peers, including the Japanese Emperor's three brothers.

Baron Kijuro Shidehara, the Japanese Premier, drove to Iwama, 50 miles south of Tokyo, to inform the Emperor of this decision which was described by an official spokesman as "most momentous."—Reuter.

Demonstration In Tokyo

Tokyo, April 7. Japanese police here late today fired shots over the heads of 10,000 banner-waving left-wing demonstrators who stoned Premier Shidehara's official residence and demanded the overthrow of his Cabinet.

The marchers were driven from the court-yards by American Military Police without resistance. Men, women and children paraded from Hibiya Park, where 15,000 persons attended an open mass meeting, under Communist leadership but which was also attended by Socialists and Koreans.

Ten thousand persons of the mass meeting then paraded up the hill to Shidehara's residence, waving gaudy banners as they went. They were met by 150 Japanese policemen who were on duty there. The Japanese police slowly forced them back as the crowd stormed the courtyard.

Two warning shots over the heads of the crowd sobered them, and they withdrew quietly when 10 American M.P.s arrived and took control of the situation. Communists and Socialists have both long been demanding that Shidehara should be ousted, contending that the Cabinet is too reactionary to carry out General MacArthur's directives and protesting at the same time that the shortage of food is more or less attributable to the Cabinet.—Associated Press.

Sang "Red Flag"

Tokyo, April 7. Singing "Red Flag," the demonstrators, who included Communists, Social Democrats and hundreds of Koreans, throw rocks, breaking several windows. Armoured cars and jeeps with machine-guns were later called out when demonstrators shouting, "we demand the resignation of the Cabinet" tried to force the gates of the Premier's residence.

United States military police and the Japanese police succeeded in preventing the crowd from climbing on to the walls. The Premier was not in his residence, but one of his secretaries received Kyuchi Tokuda, the Secretary-General of the Communist Party, who was one of the leaders of the crowd.—Reuter.

Saboteurs In Tokyo Area

Tokyo, Apr. 7. As a result of the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of communications and aircraft equipment in what is believed to be the first case of organised Japanese violence against property of the Allied occupation forces all United States Fifth Air Force personnel at Chofu Airfield, 16 miles west of Tokyo, have been put on the alert and ordered to be armed 24 hours a day.

Working under cover of darkness and carefully avoiding detection by hourly patrols, the saboteurs cut electric and telephone wires, destroyed emergency aircraft equipment and damaged a teletype system almost beyond repair.

Former Japanese soldiers are suspected to be the culprits as most of the damage indicated expert knowledge of highly complicated electrical equipment.—Reuter.

Princes Now Have To Earn A Living

Tokyo, April 6. Japanese princes are selling their automobiles and economising in other ways to meet the new situation under which the income of the Imperial household department will be curtailed and they will have to pay taxes like other Japanese, according to the newspaper "Asahi."

The paper said that the "five hundred yen life" has hit at the Princes' kitchens as well as at other Japanese, and they are "no longer permitted to live their former easy lives."

Among the princes, Prince Takamatsu, brother of Emperor Hirohito, is regarded as having the most wealth. He lives in an Arava household. In contrast, another brother of the emperor, Prince Mikasa, whose palace at Aoyama was burned in an air raid, lives in the Shonan area and has "almost no real estate."

Heretofore, the princes got about 10,000 yen per month from the Imperial household department, as part of their living expenses. The amount varied according to the number of members in the family and also in consideration of the amount of money spent on education.

Under the new system, special or private fortunes will be nationalised and subsidies to princes will be calculated in the national budget "with the result that such financial assistance to princes will be reduced," said the newspaper.

The rule applies also to 17 princes who were in the armed forces of Japan. They have lost their income from that source. Many are taking up various lines of work and others are entering schools for training, said "Asahi."—Associated Press.

Moscow, Apr. 7. A request by the Chief of the Chinese Military Mission to Russian officials that Red Army troops remain in certain garrisons at Manchuria until Chinese Government forces arrive has been turned down, a Tass dispatch from Changchun declared yesterday.—Associated Press.

Moscow "Warns" Chinese

Moscow, April 7. Moscow radio declared yesterday that Russia could not be indifferent to affairs in China where "sections of Chinese reaction reproduce to a surprising degree the attacks of certain Anglo-American reactionary circles and press against the U.S.S.R."

Quoting an "Izvestia" article on the political situation in China, the broadcast said that developments there "are drawing the attention of the Soviet public" because no one can be indifferent to the destiny of the Chinese people. The broadcaster said that "Chinese reaction never was independent and always relied upon the support of foreign circles."

"One should note," the broadcaster said, "that the campaign against the U.S.S.R. is taking place with the obvious connivance and sympathy of the Chinese authorities."

"Obviously the Chinese reactionaries are pursuing certain hidden aims or are carrying out part of some wider plan," the broadcaster said. "They know perfectly well that their attempts to suppress with their own armed forces the democratic and national movement in China, which is adopted in the broad, popular masses, can result only in hopeless internal wars."—Associated Press.

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Bellies	2.20 "
Lean Pork	3.60 "
Pigs' heads (whole)	1.00 "
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Russia Gets Initial Foothold In Iran

Secret Plan For U.N.O. World Army

New York, Apr. 7. The Chief of Staff of the United Nations have been working in secret for the last 12 days on plans for the military enforcement of world peace should the use of force prove necessary, according to a statement issued by U.N.O. Headquarters here today.

The statement said that the members of the Military Staff Committee which is the military organ of the Security Council, have been working out together "plans for what is the biggest combined operation ever attempted—a coordination of land, sea and air forces to be ready at the disposal of the United Nations to secure world peace."

It described the committee as an "International General Staff" whose task it will be under the authority of the Security Council to prevent and, if necessary, suppress aggression.

The joint secretariat of the Big Five military delegations—Britain, United States, Russia, China and France—has been formed, the statement said.—Reuter.

Iran Tackles Problem Of Revolt

Teheran, Apr. 7. Its number one international problem, occupation by Russian troops, apparently settled by peaceful agreement, Iran has begun preparations for a campaign against her internal problem of separatist movement in Azerbaijan and Kurdistan.

"With the withdrawal of Soviet influence," an Iranian general staff officer said, "we hope that problem may also be settled peacefully."

The Prime Minister contends that Azerbaijan, now ruled by a rebel government, can be brought back into the national fold by negotiations.

The general staff officer told the Associated Press that he is absolutely certain that the Kurdish Republic movement and the Azerbaijan government are "closely allied, in fact, grain from the same mill."

"If the departing Russians do not leave too many arms and agents behind," he said, "both movements probably will end by May 6."—Associated Press.

London, Apr. 7. The restriction on the wearing of military uniforms by Germans will be strictly enforced, with offenders liable to the death sentence, under the new Allied Order which comes into effect on April 16.—Reuter.

Protection Of British Holdings

(By John F. Chester)

NEW YORK, APRIL 7. THE BATTLE FOR IRANIAN OIL IS ON IN EARNEST WITH SOVIET RUSSIA ALL BUT GUARANTEED AN INITIAL FOOTHOLD IN THE BACK DOORWAY TO THE FABULOUSLY RICH MIDDLE EAST PETROLEUM FIELDS, NOW DOMINATED BY BRITISH AND AMERICAN INTERESTS.

IRANIAN PREMIER QAVAM'S SIGNATURE OF AN AGREEMENT TO PRESENT A SOVIET OIL CONCESSION PLAN TO HIS PARLIAMENT CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS FROM INFORMED OIL QUARTERS THAT SUCH MOVE WAS PROBABLE. IT WAS LEARNED ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY THAT AGENTS FOR ONE AMERICAN COMPANY NOW AT WORK IN IRAN ARE SEEKING A CONCESSION WHICH, IF GRANTED, WOULD BUTRESS BRITISH HOLDINGS ALONG THE PERSIAN GULF.

Under Iranian law no concessions can be negotiated while foreign troops are still on her soil. Oil men here took it for granted, however, that Qavam would not have signed any agreement unless plans for Soviet concessions were pretty well understood. Similarly there would be nothing to preclude informal conversations by other oil seekers.

The big question in the minds of the interested petroleum men here is how far the Soviet concessions would run. Russian interest in a Iranian Gulf port has long been an open secret. Such a grant, however, would cross the territory coveted by both British and American concerns.

At least two American companies, Sinclair and Standard Oil of New Jersey, have been actively interested in Iranian concessions in recent years. Presumably their interest has not cooled.

Big Resources

The British government, already entrenched in the only fields now producing in Iran will want to protect or expand its holdings. Neither British nor American interests have ever made strong passes at northern Iranian areas, largely because of difficulty of getting its oil out to points of sale.

Wallace Pratt, formerly of the Standard Oil of New Jersey and a widely recognized economic geologist, recently estimated probable ultimate oil resources in the Middle East at 180,000,000 barrels. This would be 30 per cent. of the world figure. Against this, Russia's probable resources are estimated at 110,000,000,000 and the United States at 100,000,000,000 barrels. Pratt estimated.

Mr. Shinwell's Warning To Business

Leeds, Apr. 7. Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the hard-hitting British Fuel Minister, today gave a plain warning to British business that "if they cannot deliver the goods, the Government will do so."

Mr. Shinwell stated that though there was a good deal of efficiency in private enterprise there was also a great deal of inefficiency, adding: "We do not want to nationalise every industry in the country—at any rate not at present. But they had better be warned. The people of this country are in no mood to stand any nonsense from private ownership."

He continued: "Private property must be used for the benefit of the nation. The private owner can have his rake-off so long as his rake-off is not too expensive, but this attitude on the part of private enterprise that the government must not come in and must leave it to private enterprise is just nonsense and bunkum."

Mr. Shinwell, who was speaking at the annual meeting of the Labour Party's Yorkshire Regional Council, declared: "There should be no department of public activity, whether national or local, in which labour has not got to have a finger in the pie."

"We must be in everything because we are the country."—Reuter.

NOT SURPRISED

Stamford, Conn., Apr. 7. Mrs. Edward Piers was not "unduly surprised" when informed that her son, Lieut. E. V. Nelson had located a tremendous cache of Japanese gold in Tokyo bay.

She told interviewers: "In his last letter he said he had found 9,000 pounds of sugar buried 40 feet beneath a basement floor. The letter also said sugar was selling for \$10 a pound in the Tokyo black market."—Associated Press.

Kremlin Softens Its Policy In Austria

Vienna, April 6.

Soviet Russia, in an abrupt softening of her policy towards Austria, has withdrawn most of her demands for land in the Russian occupation zone and has indicated her desire to reach an agreement on some other disputed issues, a Government spokesman said yesterday.

Instead of the 125,000 acres of farm land which the Russians claimed and, in part, occupied, the Red Army now is asking only for the 50,000 acres tract of land which the Austrian government has indicated a willingness to loan to the Red Army, it was asserted.

The spokesman said that all former Jewish owned properties, which the Germans seized after the Anschluss and which the Russians had claimed as reparations, are being handed back to the Austrian government.

He added that this change in policy apparently was dictated in Moscow since Marshal Ivan S. Konev, the Russian commander in Austria, had just returned from the Russian capital. The Russians have also indicated that they would like to reach an amicable agreement on the question of the 400,000,000 marks advanced to the provisional Austrian government by the Russians when they came into Vienna.

Obstacle Removed

The Russians had been asking repayment of this sum in Austrian shillings, a financial burden which together with the occupation costs would have put a severe strain on the shaky Austrian economy.

The Russians also have indicated their intention of taking over the feeding of the area surrounding Vienna for the next two months. This area has suffered most of all from the food shortage in Austria. The Russian action apparently has removed an obstacle which for a time threatened to upset the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration program for Austria.

The U.N.R.R.A. council had ruled that U.N.R.R.A. would not operate in countries where indigenous populations were being used for the benefit of the country.—Associated Press.

Monty Sees Regent

London, Apr. 7. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery was received today by Prince Charles, the Belgian Regent, Brussels Radio reported.

Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to Belgium, accompanied the Field Marshal.—Reuter.

Getting Rid Of The Nazis

Munich, Apr. 7. According to the procedure laid down by law, all persons over 18, whether previously vetted by the military government or not, will fill in the new questionnaire which has been set up by a Tribunal for the de-nazification of Bavaria.

The office of the military government for Bavaria estimates that it will be the middle of this month before the law can begin to function actively, although the law was nominally in effect since it was signed on March 5.

Its actual functioning has been delayed, pending the selection and "screening" of personnel to serve as members of the Decision and Appeal Tribunals.

According to military government officials, some 1,500 persons are needed for these tribunals. They must be not only non-Nazis, but "positively anti-Nazi," and democratic persons who are morally and professionally qualified to enforce the law justly.

It is expected that the operation of the first Tribunal will begin in Upper Bavaria about April 15. As the Tribunals begin to function, they will take over the work of de-Nazification from the military government which will maintain a general supervisory capacity of German operations.

The law provides that all Germans in the United States zone will be divided into one of five categories — "Major offenders, offenders, lesser offenders, followers, and persons exonerated."—Reuter.

Murder Of Allied Prisoners

Dachau, Apr. 7.

A former inmate of the Mathausen Concentration Camp yesterday disclosed from the witness stand how S.S. guards shot to death 88 Dutch, six American and four English prisoners of war in 1944.

The witness was Baron Hans Karl Von Posern, Dresden born lawyer, who spent three years in the concentration camp. He pointed out August Blei, one of the 61 defendants in the mass atrocity trial, as the man who gave the order to shoot the prisoners.

Victims who still lived were kicked and beaten, Von Posern said.

Another defendant pointed out by Von Posern was Grahm, an S.S. guard who, witness said, in June 1944 beat to death Polish, Czech, Yugoslav and Russian women. Von Posern estimated that Grahm killed 700 people.—Associated Press.

U.N.O. ECONOMIC CHIEF

New York, Apr. 6. Mr. Arthur Owen of Great Britain was appointed today assistant secretary general of the United Nations in charge of economic affairs. The 50-year-old Briton is the last of the assistants named by Secretary General Trygve Lie.

The United Nations also revealed that all of the five major powers and nine smaller nations have made substantial advances to the organization's working capital funds. France, the last major power to make payment, transferred \$1,400,000. China made a further payment of \$900,000 for a total of \$2,300,000 toward her full advance of \$1,600,000.—Associated Press.

RAILROAD INCOMES

Washington, Apr. 6. The association of American railroads testified that the nation's class one railroads had a net income, after deduction of interest and rentals, of \$26,000,000 in February, compared with \$37,009,900 in February 1945.

In the first two months of 1946, carriers had an estimated net income after deduction of interest and rentals of \$60,000,000 as compared with \$76,424,000 in the same period last year. The association said that the net railway operating income for February totaled \$67,516,000 before interest and rentals were deducted, compared with \$74,563,000 for February of last year.—Associated Press.

Sao Paulo, Apr. 7. The Brazilian coffee crop is expected to be the largest for 16 years. The state of Sao Paulo alone will produce 7,500,000 bags containing 135 lbs. per bag. Large quantities are expected to be shipped to Russia.—Reuter.

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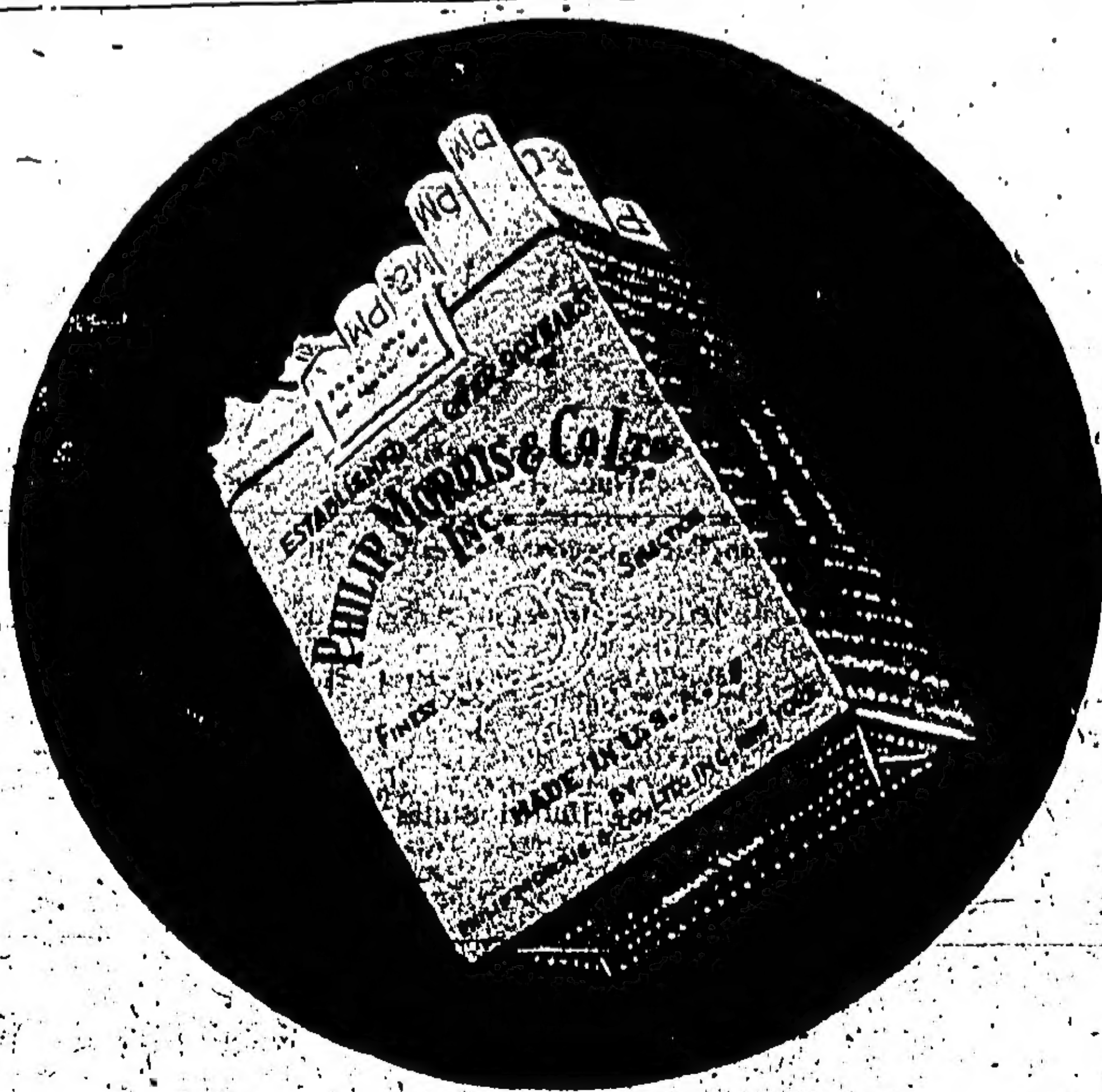
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IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN Atom Bomb Revolutionises Strategy

U.S. Forces To Combine?

Washington, Apr. 6. President Truman has just received a detailed legislative plan for the unifying of the Army, Navy and Air Forces into one department of common defence.

Informed Senate sources say that the plan retains the original idea of the merger of the present Navy and War Departments with the Army Air Forces raised to equal status with the Army and Navy.

President Truman asked for an armed forces merger late last year. Navy officials stated that they were opposed to the merger. The Army, meanwhile, abolished its historic cavalry as a separate arm and merged what is left with the armoured forces.

The action virtually eliminated horses from the army, but pack animals will be retained and a small detachment of mounted troops will be maintained to give instruction and to train minor units for operations in rough terrain. — Associated Press.

Soviets Are Moving Out

Teheran, Apr. 6. Heavy Russian artillery, tanks and armoured vehicles by the score moved northward today across the Russo-Iranian frontier at Asfara and a foreign military observer said "They definitely are moving out."

The observer said "The Russians obviously are keeping their agreement. This is not a dress rehearsal." In Teheran there was general rejoicing and an atmosphere of relief. Russian Embassy representatives, who have avoided contacts with foreign newsmen for several months, dined last night in a hotel where the journalists have established a "press centre." — Associated Press.

Secret Bombing Experiments

London, Apr. 6. The Air Ministry said today that three American Superforts and seven Flying Forts have arrived in Britain to take part in "certain experiments."

An Air Ministry spokesman said that American experiments would be coordinated with test raids by R.A.F. Lancasters, which were already in progress. Targets for the experiments will be U-boat pens at Farge and on Heligoland, Island, off the coast of Germany.

American sources said that the project was "on the secret list" and no details would be given until pending approval from Washington.

The R.A.F. plans to use its 22,000 pound earthquake bombs, the biggest developed by Britain during the war. Rocket-assisted bombs of 4,500 pounds are also expected to be used. — Associated Press.

MOSCOW SMASHES CRIME WAVE

Moscow, Apr. 7. Moscow police and military with the aid of flying squads have gone far towards smashing armed gangs which had been taking part in a post-war crime wave in Moscow.

Several gangsters who had committed robberies with violence were found guilty of murder and sentenced to be shot. Others have received severe prison sentences. The number of crimes has now decreased and military patrols of Moscow's streets have been reduced. — Reuters.

Norway will shortly expand her iron ore industry with a view to capturing export markets previously served by the Germans. This is the result of an investment by the Government in a company to develop iron ore deposits in the north. — Reuters.

Experts Forecast Armies' Role

(By Clark Beach)

WASHINGTON, APRIL 7. SOME PROMINENT PERSONS CONTEND THAT ARMED FORCES SUCH AS ARMIES AND NAVIES WE KNEW OF IN WORLD WAR II ARE OBSOLETE.

THE NAVY'S ROLE, THEY SAY, WILL BE SECONDARY AT BEST IF A FUTURE STRIFE SHOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A DUEL WITH ATOMIC MISSILES STREAKING THROUGH THE STRATOSPHERE FROM CONTINENT TO CONTINENT AT SUPERSONIC SPEEDS.

"The development of the atomic bomb constitutes a revolution in military science more sweeping than invention of gun-powder," says Brig-Gen. H. C. Holdridge, retired former commandant of the Adjutant-General's school of the War Department.

"There will probably never be battlefields in the old sense. If we are attacked we may never know who hit us. The attack will come suddenly, probably by sabotage. Like the victim of a free-for-all brawl we will sit amid our ruins."

"Our only defense would be retaliation in kind and immediately and if we cannot discover who the attacker was we will be utterly helpless. Mass armies trained by the proposed programme (universal military training) would be completely by-passed as the Japanese armies were in China."

Dr. Robert Hutchins, Chancellor of the University of Chicago, told a Congressional Committee:

Might Not Be Used

"The Generals and Admirals prove there is no defense against the atomic bomb and they ask for an enormous army to defend against it."

The reply of an army and navy spokesman is that in any future war, armies and navies and not the atomic bomb may decide the issue.

For one thing, they say that atomic bombs may never be used — if each side is about equally well supplied with them. If we were attacked with atomic bombs it had been frequently asserted the enemy would still have to invade us to assure victory. The navy would be essential to meet amphibious forces and the army would be needed to defeat the invading troops.

In the same way our ability to invade an attacking enemy would depend on the power of our army, navy and air forces. Long after the supply of atomic bombs are exhausted on both sides, the struggle might be carried on between ground air and sea forces.

Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, said a short time ago "With the potentials of atomic energy not yet fully known, it is only common everyday horse sense for us to retain the known and proved naval advantage we so laboriously constructed until a better substitute has been demonstrated."

Utmost Gloom

General George C. Marshall, former Army Chief-of-Staff, said the War Department is not holding out hope to the principle of a mass army. He said that during the past war fewer than a million and a half of 14,000,000 men mobilised were army or marine infantry troops. "The remainder of our armed forces, sea, air and ground, was largely fighting a war of machines."

Li-Gon, Ira Baker, speaking for the army air forces, told a Congressional Committee that at the present stage an air force is indispensable — but "I personally believe if war is delayed another ten to 25 years aeroplanes may be replaced by guided missiles."

None of the nation's responsible military leaders, it should be noted, contemplate the possibility of a future war with anything but the utmost gloom. They well understand that in the atom age, the flag of the conqueror may well wave over nothing but ruins. — Associated Press.

Atom Control

Washington, April 7. Permanent control of any domestic machinery governing atomic energy development is being pushed by Congress. A special atomic com-

BRIDGE NOTES

South maintained he was the victim of circumstance, but Bridge alights may decide otherwise.

South, Dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

S. 6 5 4
N. 7 3 2
D. K 8 4
C. 8 5 4

S. J 10 9
N. 8 7
D. Q 10 6 4
C. 7 3 2

S. A K Q
N. H A K 8
D. A 6
C. A 10 9 3 2

The bidding: South 1NT West Pass North Pass East Pass. West led the Jack of Spades, South winning with the Queen. Declarer went right after the clubs, laying down the Ace and then a low club. East won and began his diamonds, continuing that suit each time he got in with clubs. South was therefore unable to make his game his game contract in no-trump.

Now, we've already admitted that South committed a little crime, but just what was his transgression? See if you can spot it before you read on.

South's crime consisted in laying down the club Ace at the second trick. No play could be wrong if the missing clubs were split 3-2 and no play could be right if East had four or more of the clubs including all the honours. But South could and should have provided against the actual bad break by leading a low club at the second trick. East would win and lead a diamond and South would take the diamond Ace and lead the club nine. That would force out a second honour and reveal the bad break.

The next diamond trick could be won with dummy's King, and a club finesse could then be taken to bring in the rest of the suit and a total of ten tricks!

Yesterday you were Edward Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. K 7 3
N. A K 4
D. K 9 6 4
C. A K 6

The bidding: Jacoby 1D You Pass Major Schenken 1S.

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Partner's bid of one spade promises very little, so you still need some help from him in determining whether there is a game and what the contract should be. If partner cannot respond to two no-trump, there is no game.

Score 100 per cent for two no-trump, 50 per cent for three no-trump, 20 per cent for three spades.

QUESTION

To day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

Jacoby 1D You Pass Major Schenken 1S.

Pass 1D Pass 1S.

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Correctness But No Cordiality U.S. Policy

Washington, April 6.

The United States is expected to continue its present policy toward Argentina, a policy of correctness without cordiality, when Colonel Juan Peron becomes President, it was reported yesterday.

Peron clinched the hotly contested election after more than a month of vote counting in Buenos Aires.

Anticipating such an outcome, Secretary of State James Byrnes was quick to hint recently that the United States would maintain its stand on the "Blue Book."

In its unprecedented attack on Argentina, the State Department backed up by President Truman, affirmed the United States would not sign the proposed inter-American mutual defense treaty with that nation.

As American officials see it, American policy will take the following form when Peron assumes office:

1—The United States will continue normal diplomatic relations with Argentina on a correct but not cordial basis.

2—It will continue to insist that Argentina live up to its international obligations, especially as they apply to controlling Nazi activities within the country.

3—The United States' attitude will depend primarily on what

BLACK MARKET RAIDS

London, Apr. 7. Some 47,000 pairs of women's stockings, 60,000 linen handkerchiefs and textiles, and cash in large quantities were found by the police in raids on the Hamburg Black Market during March. The American News Service in Germany said tonight.

In addition, 400 cwt of sugar, 2,000 cwt of coffee, food and tobacco were seized, the report added. — Reuters.

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SPORTS SECTION

Home Soccer Played In Summer Weather

LONDON, APRIL 6.

LARGE CROWDS WITNESSED TODAY'S FOOTBALL
GAMES IN SUMMER WEATHER.
BOTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP FINALISTS SUFFERED
DEFEAT—CHARLTON BEING VANQUISHED
AT HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON.
DERBY COUNTY, WHO WERE WITHOUT SEVEN OF
THEIR PROBABLE CUP FINAL TEAM, OWING TO
INJURIES, AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRIAL
MATCH AT WEMBLEY WENT DOWN AT VILLA
PARK BEFORE 50,000 SPECTATORS.

In London, Millwall put on
two goals without reply in the
second half to snatch both points
at Charlton. Arthur Turner and
Chris Duffy got Charlton's two
in the first half, Brown netting
twice and Anderson once for the
winners. The all important
goal came three minutes from
time when Brown sent in a great
shot to dim Charlton's prospects
of carrying off the Cup and Le-
ague double.

At Villa Park, the home half-
backs dominated the game and
Derby's international forwards,
Doherty and Carter, for once in
a while found themselves well
held. Broome opened the scoring
in the first half and Edwards
added a second, and there was
no surprise when Broome in-
creased the lead after ten min-
utes in the second half with
Derby's defence shaky.

The Villa completely domi-
nated the later stages of the game
and Dixon headed the fourth
goal, five minutes from the end.
Derby's goal was a mistake by
the Villa captain and back, Cum-
mings.

With Birmingham going down
by the only goal scored to Notts
Forest, the Villa now take over
the leadership of the League
South, having a point more than
Birmingham and two more than
Charlton, who however both
have three games in hand.

Birmingham's finishing was
weak and the home side just de-
served their narrow win. The
star of the match was the last-
minute choice as centre-forward
Paul who was a constant worry
to the experienced visitors' cen-
tre-half Turner. He kept his
line moving in splendid fashion.
Wolverhampton did well to
share honours with West Ham
in a fast running game in which
goals came at regular intervals.
The Wolves were without four
of their regular players.

At Wembley, the Army Physical
Training players were too good
for the Football Association side
in the international match, wit-
nessed by some 35,000 people. The
Army gained a 3-1 lead at half-
time and still had two goals to
spare when the final whistle went.
Lawton led the Army life in a
grand manner and was ably sup-
ported by left-wing Compton of
the Arsenal and Pagan of Sheffield
United.

After the match all three for-
wards were picked for England
against Scotland at Hampden
Park in the full international next
Saturday.

For the winners, Welsh noted
twice, Lawton, Wardle and Corn-
ton, adding to the score, which
Shackleton, Stubbing and Elliott

Scottish Surprise

Airdrieonians provided a minor
surprise by winning at Clyde in
the first round of the Scottish
Football Association Cup. Air-
drieonians' winning goal came in
the last minute of a hard match.

THE RESULTS

League North

Barnsley 2, Burnley 0; Bolton 2,
Huddersfield 1; Everton 4, Ches-
terfield 0; Grimsby 4, Blackpool 2;
Leeds 1, Newcastle 3; Manchester
United 1, Manchester City 4; Mid-
dlesex 3, Bury 0; Preston 0,
Wednesday 1; Sheffield United 2,
Blackburn 1; Stoke 0, Liverpool 1;
Sunderland 1, Bradford 0.

League South

Arsenal 1, Southampton 1; Vil-
la 4, Derby 1; Charlton 2, Mil-
wall 3; Coventry 2, Swansea 2;
Fulham 3, Chelsea 2; Luton 2,
Leicester 1; Newport 0, Albion 3;
Notts Forest 1, Birmingham 0;
Plymouth 1, Brentford 1; Port-
smouth 0, Spurs 1; Wolves 3, West
Ham 3.

League Three

League Three, South, North Re-
gion Cup:—Mansfield 2, Port 1;
Northampton 0, Clapton 2;
Queen's Park Rangers 3, Notts
County 1; Walsall 4, Norwich 2;
Watford 0, Ipswich 1.

League Three, North, Cup:
Second Round:—Carlisle 1, Gates-
head 2; Chester 4, York 0; Don-
caster 0, Rotherham 0; Hartle-
pool 1, Southport 2.

League Three, North, Second
Championship:—Bradford City 2,
Barrow 3; Crewe 2, Wrexham 1;
Halifax 1, Oldham 0; Rochdale 2,
Lincoln 3; Accrington 2, Darlington
2; Tranmere 3, Stockport 0.

League Three, South, North and
South Region Cup:—Brighton 2,
Southend 3; South, South Re-
gion Cup:—Aldershot 1, Torquay
1; Bournemouth 1, Exeter 1;
Bristol Rovers 0, Swindon 0;
Palace 1, Bristol City 2; Reading
3, Cardiff 2.

Scottish Results

Scottish Cup, First Round:
Aberdeen 2, Ayr 0; Clyde 0, Air-
drie 1; Hearts 3, East Fife 0;
Rangers 3, Dundee 1.

Scottish Five Cup:—Dunfer-
mline 0, Cowdenbeath 5; Other
matches: St. Johnstone 2, Queen's
Park 0.

Scottish Region Cup:—Alloa 1,
Stirling 0; Raith 0, Stenhouse-
muir 1.

Scottish League, Division "A":
Kilmarnock 3, Falkirk 2.

Irish Regional League:—Clifton
4, Derry 1; Disbilly 1, Belfast
Celtic 3; Linfield 5, Glentoran 0.

International Trial Match played
at Wembley:—Football Asso-
ciation 3, Army Physical Training
Corps 5.—Reuter.

Today's Rugby Union matches
resulted as follows:—Gay's 3, Lon-
don Irish 20; Harlequins 6, Bristol
16; London Scottish 15, London
Welsh 15; Abercrombie 22, Pontypool
6; Bath 8, Exeter 10; Camborne 6,
Devonport Services 13; Cardiff
10, Royal Air Force 3; Cheltenham
3, Rugby 9; Coventry 14,
Worcestershire 8; Llanelli 8,
Leicester 20; Newport 10, Newport
School Old Boys 0; Manchester 16,
Nottingham 16; Neath 5, Swansea
0; Newport 21, Gloucester 21;
Northampton 29, Old Alleynians 3;
Nuneaton 14, Birmingham 16;
Pontypool 0, Bridgend 10; Sale 33,
Halifax 5; Sheffield 19, Old Round-
trinity 13; Harlequins 9, Wakefield
Rangers 3; Treguay Athletic 39,
Royal Marines 11; Waterloo 22,
Fylde 10; Metropolitan Police 8,
Old Blues 8.

Rugby League

Bramley 2, Castleford 7; Brough-
ton Rangers 7, Wigan 20; Dows-
bury 0, Huddersfield 11; Hull
Kingston Rovers 18, Featherstone
Rovers 8; Keighley 7, Bradford
Northern 15; Leeds 20, Swinton 3;
Liverpool Stanley 7, Widnes 5;
Rochdale Hornets 10, Barry 11;
Salford 18, Halifax 9; Wakefield
Trinity 13, Batley 3; Warrington
25, Hull 0; Workington Town 3,
Hunslet 0; York 28, St. Helens 14.
—Reuter.

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Close Fight For Soccer Title

As the result of Royal Air
Force's win over Eastern on
Saturday and 44 R. M. Comman-
dos' easy victory over Navy "A"
yesterday, the fight for the Foot-
ball championship has now
reached a very interesting stage.

The teams interested in the
title are Royal Air Force, 44
R. M. Commandos and Navy
"B" and as goal averages count
this season the encounter be-
tween R. Navy "B" and Com-
mandos will be awaited with
great interest by members of
all the three services.

Navy Trounced

44 R. M. Commandos had a
fairly easy time of it at King's
Park yesterday in their Rehabi-
litation Football League fixture
against Navy "A," winning by
five goals to nil against a fee-
ble Navy side that fielded
four reserves.

Navy put up a plucky show
but did not at any stage have
much of the play. The Com-
mandos scored through Davis
some 10 minutes from the kick-
off and a few minutes later Jack
netted from a long shot. The
half-time score was 2-0.

Commandos kept raiding the
Navy goal all through the se-
cond half and would have scored
more were it not for off-sides.
Earsman netted the third goal.
Shortly afterwards MacNamara
put in a fourth and the fifth and
last goal, scored in the last two
minutes of the game, was de-
flected into the goal off a Navy
defender on a centre from Wil-
liams.

South China Draw

Civil Service Administration,
representing Civilians "B," in
the football League game yester-
day at Causeway Bay did
very well to share the points
with South China, both sides
scoring twice though the civi-
lians led at the interval by two
clear goals.

Civilians were well served by
Hession, in goal, who played a
good game and brought off ac-
curate good saves. Young in the
pivotal position worked hard
and did well against Lau Chung-
sang and Kwok Ying-kee.

Miles was prominent in the
attack and was given good sup-
port by Park and Russell, the
winners.

Kwong Wah Win

Kwong Wah beat Civilians
"A" by 4-2 in the Football
League at Causeway Bay yester-
day. Civilians fielded a strong
side but were not able to stand
the pace. Canton played one of
his best games this season and
though he had a lot to do, did
well. Leck and Corp put in
some good work at back while
Fernandes, in the pivotal posi-
tion, found the Chinese for-
wards very fast.

Mullins and King were dan-
gerous in the forward line
while Xavier on the right wing
centred well.

Further goals were added for
Kwong Wah in the second half
through Ip Po-tou and Cheuk
Shek-kam. Dennis scored the
other goal for Civilians.

LEAGUE TABLE TO-DATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
R.A.F.	9	7	1	1	24	11	15
Navy "B"	8	5	3	0	27	11	13
44 R.M. Cmds.	8	6	1	1	24	-13	13
Eastern	8	5	2	1	25	8	12
South China	9	4	3	2	18	13	11
Kwong Wah	9	4	0	5	19	16	8
Navy "A"	9	2	2	5	10	19	6
R.E.	8	2	1	5	10	19	5
Civilians "A"	9	1	0	8	11	24	2
Civilians "B"	9	0	1	8	7	45	1
Total	86	36	14	36	181	181	86

H.K. SOFTBALL

(By "Onlooker")
The Softball season ended
yesterday when, following an ex-
hibition game between the Cham-
pions (H.K. Baseball Club) and
the Rest of the Colony at the
Recreation ground, Major-General F.
W. Easting, G.O.C., presented the
prizes to the winners of the Le-
ague and the International Series.

H.K. Baseball Club won the Tai
Tai Softball Victory cup, and America
won the "Doc" Molten Inter-
national Shield. Medals were also
presented to each member of the
winning teams.

The exhibition game was an
exciting one, with the Rest just
managing to win 4-3.

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Indian Talks Taking Satisfactory Course

New Delhi, April 7.

General hopes of a satisfactory settlement of the Indian constitutional question were expressed here today, after talks in which the British Cabinet Mission heard the views of all the main groups concerned — Congress, Moslem League, Sikhs, Scheduled Castes (Untouchables) and Indian States.

Though not discounting the force of extremist opinion, some quarters in close touch with events believed that short of agreeing to an actual division of the country, Congress would go a long way towards meeting Moslem aspirations.

Jap. Secret Hoard Found?

Tokyo, April 7.

A nation-wide search for a number of Japanese Army officers who are believed to have dumped precious metal valued at about £500,000,000 into Tokyo Bay was started today by the Allied Military Government.

Civilian and U.S. Army Salvage experts have covered one platinum ingot valued at about \$12,600 from under eight feet of water, under a pier in the harbour. It is believed that the ingots were buried shortly before the Japanese surrender and were to finance "the recovery of Japan" at some future date.

Information given by a Japanese spy plane to the U.S. Navy, that the ingots were supposed to have been hidden. She said that last July labourers, under the supervision of Japanese Army officers, dumped the precious metal in the Bay, and she believed that the ingots had previously been painted a dull grey to resemble old iron.

One suspicious workman scratched the paint on one of the ingots and found it was gold. Learning that the plot had been discovered, the Army officers told the men that the fortune was to be used, "for the future of Japan," warning them against disclosing the secret.

The men were then sent to other jobs, the man who made the discovery leaving Tokyo to pay a visit to relatives in an outlying district. On his return to the city he was unable to find his former colleagues. Believing them to have been killed, he went into hiding.

The dancing girl later heard the story and gave the information to the United States Army. Allied officials, while treating the story with reserve, despite the recovery of one platinum ingot, plan to continue the salvage work.—Reuter.

Albania Professes Friendship

London, Apr. 7.

The Albanian radio today described the British reasons for not opening diplomatic relations with Albania, as "based on inaccurate information in London about the situation in Albania."

It was learned in London last week that no British diplomatic representative would go to Tirana, Albania, and no Albanian minister would be received in London because Albania had failed to give satisfactory assurances about diplomatic privileges.

The British statement added that Albania had placed difficulties in the way of Britain's military mission there and the British War Graves Commission.

Breaking into a Russian transmission tonight, Tirana radio broadcast the following statement in French: "Allegations about difficulties placed in the way of the mission are inaccurate. Albania has always taken good care of the War Graves. Albania is ready to show her goodwill and resume negotiations with the mission. It would be glad to receive the British Minister as a representative of a great friendly country, and guarantee full diplomatic immunity to him and his staff."—Reuter.

Moscow, Apr. 7. Foreign diplomatic circles here report that with the withdrawal of Red Army forces from Iran, Manchuria and Bornholm, demobilisation is being speeded up to release more manpower for the tasks of the fourth Soviet five-year plan.—Reuter.

Abul Azad, Moslem President of Congress, will, many people expect, use his influence in favour of accommodating the Moslems with suitable safeguards.

A more uncompromising attitude towards the demands for Pakistan (a separate Moslem Indian state) is, however, likely to be taken by Sardar Patel, Chairman of the Congress Parliamentary Board, who today at Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India and leader of the British Mission.

The decisive voice, determining the final Congress approach to the Moslem League, is expected to be that of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

Two members of the British Mission—Lord Bethell, Lawrence and Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, had a two-and-a-half hour meeting today with the Congress Premiers of Bombay, the United Provinces and Bihar, and the prospective Congress Premiers of the Central Provinces and Orissa.

Work Finished

Pandit Govind Ballabh, United Provinces Premier, said that the discussion covered the whole field of Indian independence. "Pakistan and an interim government."

Asked whether the Premiers would meet the Mission again, he remarked: "We have finished our work."—Reuter.

Informal Talk

London, Apr. 7. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Congress "strong man" and leading member of the Congress Working Committee had an hour's informal talk today with Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India and leader of the British Cabinet Mission. New Delhi radio stated today.

Afterwards Sardar Patel reported on his talk to Mohandas Gandhi.—Reuter.

Worldwide War On Crime

London, Apr. 7.

An international scheme in war against crime is announced by the "Justice of the Peace and Local Government Review." The scheme, which is already in its initial stages, provides for the cooperation of 25 nations to prevent the escape of dangerous criminals from one country to another.

It is suggested that an international police bureau be set up as a clearing house for crime with a register of known criminals including descriptions and finger prints.

An interchange of police officers between countries to ensure the maximum cooperation is also envisaged, while it is considered that photo-telegraphy and radio would enable pictures and finger prints of fugitives to be circulated throughout the world in a matter of minutes.—Reuter.

WINDING UP LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, Apr. 7.

Delegates of 40 nations will meet in Geneva on Monday to wind up the League of Nations which came into being on January 10, 1920.

A commission of the League's successor—the United Nations Organisation—is now in Switzerland discussing the transfer of the League buildings and assets to the U.N.O.

One suggested possibility is that the buildings may become a European branch office of the U.N.O. Another, an important part of the economic and social work of the organisation, and such other sections as the International Labour Office.—Reuter.

"A Cruel Measure" Keitel Winces Under Cold Cross-Examination Made No Protests To Hitler

MUENBERG, APRIL 7.

HIS MILITARY BEARING SHAKEN, FIELD-MARSHAL WILHELM KEITEL, FORMER CHIEF OF THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, WALKED WEARILY FROM THE WITNESS BOX AT THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL TODAY AFTER VISIBLY WINCING UNDER THE COLD PENETRATING CROSS-EXAMINATION OF SIR DAVID MAXWELL FYFE OF THE BRITISH PROSECUTING TEAM.

AT ONE POINT IN HIS EXAMINATION, SIR DAVID READ A TELEGRAM FROM GENERAL CHRISTIANSEN, FORMER GERMAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN HOLLAND, ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO ALLOW GERMAN SOLDIERS TO SHOOT WITHOUT TRIAL DUTCH RAILWAYMEN WHO REFUSED TO WORK.

"You will agree," asked Sir David, "that the shooting of railwaymen, who would not work for the occupation forces, is about as brutal and cruel as could be imagined by the mind of man?"

Keitel replied: "Yes, that is a cruel measure." Sir David told how after a woman submarine attack by the British Navy against the Nazi battleship Tirpitz in Norwegian waters in September, a young British sailor was arrested and shot while his companion escaped across the Swedish border.

"What in the name of all military tradition had the boy done wrong?" he asked. Keitel admitted that the attack was legal.

Murder Of Commandos

He avoided a direct answer when questioned about his part in the order that British Commandos captured in Norway were to be shot.

Sir David: "As a Field-Marshal, standing in the boots of Blucher, Goeben and von Moltke, how did you tolerate the murder of these young men?"

Keitel: "I know these things happened but I did not issue the orders and I could not alter the facts."

Sir David: "What I want to know is why there was no man in the German Army of your rank with the courage to speak out against cold-blooded Hitler?"

Keitel: "All I can say is I did not protest. I cannot speak in behalf of the others."

When Sir David mentioned about reprisals against the relatives of Frenchmen who refused to fight or work for the Germans, Keitel gave a rare display of feeling.

"I have lost my own sons in this war," he said. Before the adjournment, Sir David indicated that he still wished to question the 64-year-old field-marshal about other

matters, including the shooting of 50 R.A.F. officers. Keitel had then been in the witness box for 19 hours.—Reuter.

WHITE RAJAH ON WAY HOME

Bournemouth, Apr. 7.

The Rajah of Sarawak and his wife began yesterday the homeward journey to their rich and fertile land in northern Borneo after nearly five years' absence.

The white Rajah, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, would make no comment on his recently announced plan to turn the country over to Britain as a Crown Colony in return for a million pound trust fund for himself and his family.

Their British Overseas Airways flying boat is due at Singapore next Friday.—Associated Press.

"Increase Export Of Wheat" Appeal

(By Guy Bettany)

London, April 7.

The emergency conference on the European cereal situation this afternoon adopted a resolution asking that Government representatives make joint and individual appeals to the Argentine Government and people to increase the export of wheat and other grains to a maximum during 1946 in order that the needs of importing countries may be met and famine and starvation avoided.

It is with this object that it is hoped to increase to the maximum, shipments to the end of August this year.

The British Minister for Food, Sir Ben Smith, moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Belgium and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman of the conference said the resolution would be addressed to the Argentine Government and efforts would be made to bring it to the knowledge of the Argentine people.

Fish for starving Europe may be the consequence of another resolution adopted by the Emergency Cereal Conference.

Norwegian, Danish and Portuguese delegates stated that considerable supplies of fish were immediately available for export in their countries and additional supplies could be provided if arrangements could be made to dispose of them.

Transport Obstacles

The obstacles to fish supplies for Europe were said to be transport and financial difficulties. Swedish Minister of Supply said that 75,000 barrels of fish and herrings were available in Sweden for export. He pointed out that Sweden has sent lorries with supplies of food to various parts of the Continent and he thought that Sweden could also help in the transporting of fish.

The Norwegian Minister said that Norway, too, had large supplies of fish available.

The conference concluded by adopting a brief resolution submitted by the Polish delegate urging that the Emergency Economic Committee should work out immediately the appropriate measures and procedures to meet the case of actual starvation in Europe.

The Polish delegate pointed out that Poland had already taken every step recommended by the conference to avert famine and that there would be no grain in the country after the beginning of May, unless fresh imports arrive.

Important For Peace

At the closing of the session, the Chairman, Mr. Noel-Baker, said that the work of the conference was no less important for immediate and for long

U.S.A. Could Conserve A Lot Of Rice

Washington, April 7.

In a statement issued from the UNRRA Headquarters today, the new Director-General, Fiorello LaGuardia, said that the United States could conserve a great deal of rice.

"There are so many other substitutes for rice in our country," he added.

"We should ship 700,000 tons of wheat a month to liberated countries," said LaGuardia. "Last month we shipped 347,000 tons."

In obvious reference to the fact that the United States has already fallen short in the first quarter of 1946 wheat commitments, LaGuardia said: "I want to start by criticising my own country but I shall not spare other countries unless I receive cooperation."

"There are 100,000,000 bushels of wheat on farms in this country. That wheat must be forthcoming. It must be on ships during the month of April and if we fail it will be to the everlasting shame of our country."

While telling the nation "It's either wheat in April or coffins in June," LaGuardia did not follow his predecessor, Herbert Lehman, in advocating the return to rationing in the United States.

Drastic Action

Starving people must have bread. Otherwise some drastic action will have to be taken," he added.

After saying that he has received the full cooperation of United States Government departments and that he was seeing the Combined Food Board early next week, he concluded: "Either U.N.R.R.A. is going to get down to its job or else the world will face starvation."

"It is no fault of U.N.R.R.A. if it just cannot get food. This means that the shortage will be reflected in April, May and June all over the world."

"Italy, Poland, Greece and Yugoslavia are in the most critical situation."

"I have not the heart to sign the message which is on my desk, which will require further reduction of rations. Further reductions of rations now mean that relief would have to be continued for another year."

"People on any further reduced rations will be unable to work in fields or in mines or even in industry."

Can't Eat Figures

"It is easy for us here in the United States to figure shortage in percentages but you cannot keep people who are hungry alive by giving them statistics."

He said that the U.N.R.R.A. staff was working frantically to procure the necessary minimum supplies.

"Unless we want people to be in a continued state of starvation, we must get fertilisers to many of these countries so that they can get into production for the next year."

He declared that the food situation had now reached the "very bottom and will not permit of any delay or any reason for not providing food."—Reuter.

"Kicked Around"

Washington, April 7. LaGuardia declared that his international relief organisation "is being kicked around, but I'll be damned if I am going to stand for the kicking around of millions of hungry, starving, dying people."

He did not identify those at whom his complaint was aimed. He asserted that he had received "splendid co-operation" from President Truman and all government departments. He said that there is enough food in the world to permit U.N.R.R.A. to feed the hungry people in starving nations with a "minimum subsistence ration so that they will be able to do some work."—Associated Press.

term prospects of peace than what the Security Council had done in America.

The conference had formulated a "comprehensive programme" of precise action which Europe could take to help itself. It took a long time to break ingrained habits and it was extremely valuable that they should have brought home to public opinion the available waste, which was very great.

The loss from rats alone in Britain's foodstuffs amounted to 260,000,000 yearly, he added.

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Soviet "Secret Zone" Activity

London, April 7.

The Russians are fortifying the islands north of Japan, according to today's "News of the World" cable from its special correspondent, Noyes Thomas, who has just visited the secret zone.

In a cable from Sapporo in the island of Hokkaido, Thomas says: "Russian soldiers are on manoeuvres in the Kurile Islands. War material of all kinds is being poured in by the Soviets. Huge airfields are being built. Japanese are being made to work on the installation of batteries of giant coastal guns which points towards this American centre."

"That is the disquieting news from the Kuriles—this chain of 32 volcanic islands like a string of black opals stretching across the icy Okhotsk Sea from Hokkaido to the coast of Siberia."

"This is probably the first news you have read from this much debated 'trouble spot.' Before the war the Japanese did not encourage visitors to the defence zone where the Japanese fleet was to assemble in December, 1941 for the attack on Pearl Harbour."

"The Russians allow no one to enter leave the islands. Few have been as close as I have been that I was constantly mistaken for a Russian by the natives."

"Food is running short in the Kuriles for the Japanese, who have so far been living on what was left over in Japanese Army and Navy stores. They do not receive either food or money from the Russians in return for work."

"A large number of Russian women have arrived in the islands. They are described as 'officers.'—Reuter.

TO MEET ATTLEE

London, Apr. 7.

The Netherlands Prime Minister, Prof. Dr. Schermerhorn, is to meet the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in London on April 12 for further exchanges of views on the subject of the Netherlands East Indies. It is officially announced.—Reuter.

RADIO

M. N. D. Y. 11.30 a.m. 1946. STUDIOS: HONGKONG'S CHOICE. ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m. 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.52 Mcgracy's H.K.T.

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